



STATE OF MARYLAND

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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Board Of Physical Therapy Examiners

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 16, 2010

The February 16, 2010 meeting was called to order at 1:18 p.m.
by the Chairperson, Margery Rodgers, PT.

Call to Order

Board members present:

John Baker, PT
Ved K. Gupta, Consumer Member
Shirley Leeper, PTA, Vice Chairperson
Lori Mizell, PT
Donald Novak, PT
Lois Rosedom-Boyd, Consumer Member
Stephen Ryan, PT

Also present:

Ann E. Tyminski, Executive Director
Joy E. Aaron, Deputy Director
Patricia Miller, Licensing Coordinator
Sandra Kurland, Board Secretary
Deborah Jackson, Secretary
Ernest Bures, Investigator/Compliance Officer
Linda Bethman, AAG, Board Counsel
Francesca Gibbs, Staff Attorney
Paula Hollinger
Sharon Bloom

CEU courses were added to the agenda.

Agenda

The minutes of the Open Session for January 19, 2010 were accepted as revised.

Minutes

The Board reviewed and approved the response in reference to the new Oasis form written by Linda Bethman.

Oasis Form

The Board received an inquiry asking if there is a specific number of patients allowed to be seen per hour. The Board referred her to the Standards of Practice Regulations found at COMAR 10.38.03.02A(2)(b)(i) and 10.38.03.02A(2)(b)(ii). She asks how long an initial evaluation is billed for. An evaluation is billed for as long as it takes. As for appropriate evaluation and treatment, the Board referred her to COMAR 10.38.03.02.A(2)(a).

Number of
Patients Per
Hour

Ann Tyminski received an e-mail from Cindy Hoffman and Prashanth Jayaprakash who work for Chesapeake Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine Center, a new physician owned practice, requesting clarification of the appropriate number of patients to be seen by a therapist in an eight hour work day. The Board will refer to COMAR which states three patients per hour, giving each patient adequate treatment time. Mrs. Tyminski and Ms. Bethman will discuss a possible referral to the Physician's Board.

Physician Owned
Practice

Ann Tyminski received an anonymous e-mail asking if the law has changed regarding PTAs performing assessments. The law has not changed, and PTAs do not perform assessments. The e-mail also recommended that four PTAs be investigated for not adhering to Maryland State laws. This will be referred for investigation.

PTAs Performing
Assessments

Kathryn Hernandez sent an e-mail to Mrs. Tyminski asking if she can only bill 4 timed and 2 un-timed units per hour. The Board's response is that she should check the requirements of the specific payor. Our practice act does not address the specific billing requirements.

Billing Inquiry

Mrs. Tyminski received a letter from Charles Kibbey, Jr., PT in reference to a PT/OT Aide Training Course at Montgomery College. Mr. Kibbey is concerned that this course indicates a possible infraction of our practice act. Mrs. Tyminski will write a letter to the college highlighting the concerns with a copy to Mr. Kibbey.

Montgomery
College Course

Ms. Gibbs has the Rules of Procedure for Board Meetings ready for review at the March Board meeting.

Rules of
Procedure

Karin Savage from Allegany College asked the Board for a speaker for a day between July 6th and 15th. Steve Ryan, PT and Joy Aaron will attend. Steve Ryan will give us his preferred date. The request is to enlighten students about the Practice Act and licensure.

Allegany
College
Invitation

Continuing Education

"Better Brains/Better Bodies" was denied. The Board felt that this course was not related to the clinical practice of physical therapy, and does not rise to the level of professional physical therapy education.

“Issues of Aging and Mental Health: Dealing with Change” was approved by the Board for 0.6 CEUs.

“The Ever Changing Brain” was denied by the Board as it is geared toward psychology, not physical therapy.

The four “Leadership” courses submitted by HCR Manor Care were denied as the Board felt that they were not geared to professional education. They are:

“Effective Caring Leadership: Leadership Accountability”

“Effective Caring Leadership: Responsive Caring Leadership”

“Effective Caring Leadership: Effective Caring Communication”

“Effective Caring Leadership: Managing Employee Performance”

“Conflict Management and Resolution” was denied by the Board. The Board felt that this course did not rise to the level of physical therapy professional education.

“Power Pilates: Empowering People Through Movement” was denied by the Board as it does not meet the Board’s criteria for CEUs.

Reports

Income summaries were distributed.

Income
Summaries

2010 Renewals.

Renewals

A report from the APTA MD Board of Directors Meeting on Animal Rehab was distributed.

Animal Rehab

Shirley Leeper, PTA, Board Vice-Chair, submitted a report from the APTA Board of Directors Meeting, held January 30, 2010.

APTA

Stephen Ryan, PT, gave a report on the Annual FARB Forum held January 2010.

FARB

Ann Tyminski gave a legislative update.

Legislative
Update

Information:

John Baker, PT, sent an e-mail to Ann Tyminski from Haiti, where he went to volunteer his services to the earthquake victims. Mr. Baker met with Joachim Gardemann, MD, the Medical Director of the new International Red Cross Hospital. Dr. Gardemann wanted to know if there were any other PTs that would volunteer their time. Mr. Baker asked that his e-mail be forwarded to APTA. Mr. Baker indicated he is working with APTA on this issue.

Haiti
Earthquake

The Board unanimously voted to close the open session at 2:35 p.m. for the purpose of engaging in medical review committee deliberations of physical therapist applications in accordance with State Government Article S10-50 8(a) (13).

Respectfully submitted,



Ann Tyminski, Executive Director

3/16/2010
Date approved



Margery F. Rodgers, PT, Chairperson